The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you to let you know that I support what the EchoStar-DIRECTv merger will do. Cable is getting to expensive and I prefer to use a satellite. I would love to see local channels in my area. That way I can watch my favorite State NFL team play. Hey if cable can do it why not satellite. They need the competition.

Sincerely,

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